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Further information on UA 99/91 (ASA 21/03/91, 13 March 1991) - Fear of ill-treatment/Incommunicado detention

Indonesia/East Timor: **Alejandro Corte Real, aged 27**
Manuel Sarmento, aged 25
Boaventura da Silva, aged 27
Jose Celestino, aged 26
Lorenco, aged 26
Miguel Ximenes, aged 27

Amnesty International has learnt that the six East Timorese students named above were released from custody at 3am on 14 March 1991. The six had been held at the police station (POLRES) in Denpasar, Bali. While in detention, they were reportedly questioned by police officers about their political activities and about their alleged association with the independence movement in East Timor.

Dozens of students were arrested during an apparently peaceful demonstration at Udayana University in Bali on 13 March 1991. Eyewitnesses reported that the students were punched and kicked at the time of the arrest and were taken to an unknown destination. Amnesty International was concerned that the six named above - alleged by the authorities to have organized the demonstration - may have been at risk of ill-treatment while in police custody.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Faxes/telegrams/express and airmail letters

- welcoming the release of the six students detained by the security forces during a demonstration at Udayana University on 13 March 1991;

- urging the authorities to ensure that the right to engage in peaceful protest activities is fully upheld;

- requesting information on the reasons for the arrest and detention of the six students.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS AS SOON AS YOU CAN

— Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended action. If possible, send a telegram or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

— Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

— The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

— Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

— In Urgent Action cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly to prevent the ill-treatment of prisoners. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new facts.

— Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action coordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.